

AW8, tion of County Officers was taken up.

Mr. SHERIFF moved to amend the seventh section by inserting after the word "county," the words "or corporations." Adopted.

On Mr. SHERIFF's motion several verbal amendments were adopted.

Mr. STARK moved to strike out that portion of the seventh section which allows a clerk to be re-elected who may live out of the county.

The motion was opposed by Messrs. FERNAN and SHENCK, and was supported by Messrs. STARK and CROFT. The following "Amendments" were offered: "And the Court of each county of the corporation of Richmond, Lynchburg, Petersburg, Williamsburg and Norfolk shall, before the first of January next, select and appoint five commissioners to superintend, and officers to conduct such election, at each place of voting in such county or corporation, to be signed by the said commissioners and officers, and to be filed in the office of the said commissioners and officers mentioned in the preceding section."

On Mr. DEXALE's motion the second and third sections of the bill were amended by striking out "and the first and second sections of the House bill substituted."

Mr. SHERIFF offered an amendment providing that the election of Justices of the Peace be held on the first Monday after the first of January as the election of Judges Sherriffs, &c. Mr. SHERIFF advocated his amendment; it was opposed by Messrs. MARTIN and WHITE and rejected.

Mr. SHERREY moved to amend the second districts of Augusta County section: "The first and second districts said county, each as laid off by the commissioners districting said county, shall constitute one district for the election of constables and warrants and other process issued by a justice in either district may be served and returned in the other." The amendment was adopted.

Mr. MERRITT offered an amendment to the House bill providing for the election of a Sheriff for the City of Richmond. The amendment was adopted.

Mr. SHERREY moved to amend the House bill, by striking the second section of the substitute to the first section. The amendment was adopted.

On Mr. SUFFREY's motion the title was inserted in the House bill, in order to protect the bill.

Mr. FENNER moved to amend the 15th section of the House bill by providing that the Clerk of a Circuit Court, now residing out of the county in which he was elected, may be re-elected, and may continue to reside out of the county.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. SUFFREY moved to strike out the 15th section of the House bill, and insert the 14th and 15th sections of the substitute.—The motion was agreed to.

Mr. WATSON moved to amend the 22d section by striking out two and inserting three dollars a day, for the compensation of the clerk in Court.

The amendment was accepted by Mr. WISCONSIN was supported by Messrs. THOMAS and DANIEL and opposed by Mr. BASSIST. The yeas were 10 and the nays 1. The yeas were 10 and the nays 1. The yeas were 10 and the nays 1.

The amendment was rejected by the following vote:  
Ayes—Messrs Brent, Carrington, Creigh, Daniel, Fane-  
ster, Fox, Giddens, Hays, Hays, Hays, Hays, Hays, Hays,  
Thompson, Watson, White, Winston, Winter—15.  
Noes—Messrs. Demaree, (President, pro tem,) Brainerd,  
Bassell, Boykin, Brown, Brown, Brown, Brown, Brown,  
Martin, Messersmith, Pittman, Douglas, Hall, Lyster,  
Smith, Swenney, Todd—13.

Mr. DEMAREE moved to strike out the compensation for  
other services, but he was in favor of raising their per diem  
compensation.

The motion was rejected.

Mr. FENSTER moved to amend, by inserting ten cents per

The motion was rejected.

Mr. DOUGLAS offered a substitute, striking out all of third and fourth sections which allowed fees, and providing that the Magistrates should be paid out of the county Treasury four dollars per day whilst they are sitting as members of the Court.

The amendment was advocated by Mr. DOUGLAS, and opposed by Messrs. RASSELL and SHACKLEFORD.

Mr. STEAR moved to amend the amendment by adding the same words as in the Nary Publics for taking depositions, to be paid for by the persons for whom they are taken.

The amendment to the amendment was rejected.

Mr. MOSCOW moved to amend the section by striking out the words, "and remain members of it during the entire ses-

The amendment of Mr. Douglas was rejected by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Brown, Carrington, Preston, D. Daniel, Douglass, Fox, Frazier, of Martin, Moncure, Craig, Simons, Thompson, Watson, Winston—14.

Nays—Messrs. Denicola, (President pro tem), Burnett, Bassell, Brown, Cowley, Hall, Merdith, Parker, Pimman, Shackelford, Shofan, Suerstadt, Smith, Stuart, Stewart, Tate, Thomas, Wooten—18.

When Mr. Stewart's name was called, he asked to explain why he voted against the amendment. He had voted for four dollars per foot with the feet, but, as he thought two dollars was far better than four without them, he should vote against the amendment.

Mr. Thomas adopted the explanation of Mr. Stewart re-

The amendment was rejected by the following vote:

**AYES**—Messrs. Brent, Garrettsburg, Cough, Daniel, Douglass, Farnham, Hart, Hennessey, Shum A. Shelby, Smith, Thomas, Thompson, Watson, White, Winton and Yates.

**NOES**—Messrs. Denesh, (President pro tem) Burnett, Bissell, Jr., Brown, Cowan, Hall, Meredith, Parker, Paxson, Pitman, Shackelford, Sherrard, Smith, Sweeney and Taylor.

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**Mr. MARTIN** moved to insert "three" in place of two. The motion was rejected.

On Mr. MARTIN'S motion, the Senate adjourned.

**THIRTY-SECOND CONGRESS—1st Session.**

On Friday evening last, before the House adjourned, (about three hours before) the bill for the relief of the late Gen. James C. Watson, was passed by a vote of 75 to 53. It exempted some \$140,000, with interest, to permit certain slaves captured on the Seminole by the Creek Indians in Florida, and which were sold to Gen. W., but which the government officer afterwards found it necessary to permit the Seminoles to retain. The House then adjourned till Monday.

SENATE.

The clerk laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States, enclosing, in reply to a resolution of the Senate, all papers on file in that department relating to the late Gen. Watson.

After several remarks from the Secretary of the Interior

one enclosing copies of all charges on file in that department, by officers of the army, against Mr. Bartleside, the Mexican Boundary Commissioner.

Mr. Underwood presented the memorial of Gen. Leslie Combs, complaining of the action of Texas with regard to the payment of her creditors, and asking Congress to see them through.

Some debate by Messrs. Underwood and Buck took place before the petition was referred.

Mr. Buford made a report to the Senate, of the action of the joint committee on printing, with regard to the Congressional printing. The action of the committee was contained in a resolution introduced by it on the 8th, and was adopted on the 12th of April. These resolutions are as follows:

Resolved, That the committee enter into a

printing ordered by the House of Representatives for the present Congress, so may be necessary to remedy any neglect or delay of the contractor, A. B. Hamilton, to execute the work ordered by this Congress, and also Messrs. Gibson & Co., to do so much of the printing ordered by the Senate, as may be necessary for the like purpose said contracts to be upon such terms as the committee at contract may agree upon as shall be just.

Resolved, That the sum of \$17,000, out of which the public printing may be deemed necessary, be appropriated to remedy any neglect or delay on the part of the contractor (Mr. Hamilton) to execute the work ordered by Congress (the persons doing the work under the direction of the committee) be allowed the same price as contained in Mr. Rice's bid for printing for the thirty-third Congress, and

posed that in no case shall he be allowed for double count position.

Indeed, That Mr. Gervais, conference Messrs. Donaldson & Armstrong and Gibson & Co., and that, arising their acceptance or non-acceptance of the foregoing proposition.

Mr. Borland said he believed the committee had the power to do what had been done, but he differed entirely in the policy. As he could not execute the orders of the committee, he asked to be excused from further service on it. As the committee was not in session, he would not say more.

After several motions to take up bills, the French Spinning Mill was taken up.

Mr. Fitch commenced a speech in opposition to it, he had not concluded when the Senate adjourned.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

On motion of Mr. Stanton of Ky., chairman of the committee on public buildings and grounds, the bill for enlarging the Capitol grounds, as sent back from the Senate, with amendments, was taken up.

Mr. Stanton said the first amendment, limiting the contracts that have been or may be taken to the amount appropriated, he had no objection to; but that which would authorize the architect to satisfy the claims of the workmen to indemnity, during the time the work has been suspended, he should oppose.

The previous question having been carried, the first amendment was agreed to, and the yeas and nays having been taken, agreeing to the second amendment, it was rejected—yeas 18, nays 48.

Mr. Brown of Mississippi, moved to suspend the rules to enable him to submit a resolution, providing that no person

the law of 1845, shall be so construed as to authorize the Committee on Public Printing to discharge one contractor and employ another; but that all cases of neglect should be reported to Congress, and the committee be governed by its decision. He called for the yeas and nays, which were taken, the motion to suspend the rules was rejected—yeas 65, nays 60—there not being a two-thirds vote in favor.

Mr. Orr of South Carolina, moved to suspend the rules to enable him to submit a resolution, requiring the committee of ways and means to report, by Thursday, the 26th inst., a bill to amend the act of 1845, so as to require the payment in favor of removing the duty upon railroad iron, under certain restrictions; upon which he called for the yeas and nays, which being taken, it was negatived—yeas 51, nays 97—

Mr. Rolfe of Pennsylvania moved that the rules be

suspended to enable him to submit a resolution, authorizing the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to adjourn both Houses on the 25th of July next. The motion was objected to.

Mr. Smith of Alabama, submitted a resolution, which was read, suspending the printing of the census report, and that a committee of three be appointed to condense the voluminous and called for the eyes and noses on the ground to negotiate the rules, which having been taken, the motion was negatived.

Mr. Gorman, chairman of the committee on public printing, stated that he would be prepared to report to-morrow the absence of the clerk preventing his doing so to-day.

At half past two a motion prevailed that the House adjourn—*yeas 72, nays 26.*

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